



Taihape Area School

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Tena koutou katoa

Talent - whatever happens to it?? I am continually amazed at the range and level of talent so many of our students possess in a wide range of areas whether it be sport, music, art, cultural activities, math's, science, or language. We really have some very talented young people in our school.

But of course this is nothing new, as so many children demonstrate enormous potential during their formative school years. The concern is that many fall by the wayside, and only a few actually go on and realize their talent and potential when they become adults.

Why does this happen? The million dollar question of course, and the reasons are varied and often complex – mixing with the wrong peer group, parenthood, work commitments, travel, etc,

Early in my career I spent three years teaching in Gisborne, a sunny, beautiful but very isolated part of New Zealand. While at Elgin Primary School, I taught a little Maori boy, George Albert, one of the most talented kids I have ever set eyes upon, academically as well as at sport. I coached the School Year 4 (Standard 2) Rugby Team of which George was a star. At 8 years he could side-step off both feet, tackle, kick with both feet, run like the wind, and read a game faultlessly – put simply he was gifted.

As well he was simply a great kid, with a tremendously supportive family. In fact I became indebted to his family because during my time there I spent two terms in hospital as a result of a serious rugby injury. George's mother was a night nurse at Cook Hospital and spent many hours keeping me company during countless sleepless nights.

In other words George Albert had it all ahead of him, and he seemed on track when as a 16 year old he played for what was in those days a very strong Poverty Rugby team. Sadly things then began to go wrong. He became a young father and involved in drugs, and of course his rugby, and everything else, suffered. In short he was never to realize his huge potential. Regrettably this situation is far too common.

As teachers we bend over backwards to provide students with opportunity, and help cultivate the talents they enjoy – in the end however, it is up to them to make the most of those abilities. This applies to all areas – academic, sport, and culture. Far too many

people reach middle or old age with regrets
– “if only....”

Richard McMillan
Principal

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 29th Celebration Assembly

Thursday 30th End of Colgate
Toothpaste Carton
Competition

What's on this Term

July

Thursday 7th School Photos

Friday 15th End of Term

August

Monday 1st Beginning of Term 3

Celebration Assembly

1.30pm Wednesday 29th June

**N.B. Change of Timetable for
Wednesday**

8.45 Dean's Room's and
Karakia

Block 1 8.55 – 10.05

First break 10.05 – 10.20

Block 2 10.20 – 11.30

Second Break 11.30 – 11.45

Block 3 11.45 – 12.55

LUNCH 12.55 – 1.20

Assembly in MFC : 1.30 – 2.40

2011 Term Dates

Term	Start Date	End Date
3	1 st August	7 th October
4	25 th October	13 th December

Term Dates 2012

Term	Dates
Term 1	Monday 30 th January to Thursday 5 th April
Term 2	Monday 23 rd April to Friday 29 th June
Term 3	Monday 16 th July to Friday 21 st September
Term 4	Monday 15 th October to Thursday 6 th December

Timetable Changes for Term 3

Next term we will be making changes to the **timetable** as part of an adjustment for the ski season, and also as part of a review that the school was encouraged to undertake by the Educational Review Office.

We will be reducing the whole day options for Years 11-13 to once a week. TAS, however, maintains its' commitment to providing the opportunity for our students to access courses like Agriculture, Outdoor Education(skiing) and Gateway and therefore one whole day course will continue to operate on Mondays for our Year 11-13 students. Most staff and students believe this will have a beneficial effect on their studies.

The impact on Years 9-10 will be that their 2 block options will move from Wednesday to Monday, and the Year 7 and 8's will have their specialist blocks on Wednesday and Thursday after lunch. The whole day option will remain on Fridays for Years 7-10, and this will be their ski day. Like the Year 11-13 students a whole day option provides opportunities for fieldtrips, outdoor education, careers and intensive learning in subject areas students can apply themselves in depth.

- Richard Baker

Hockey

This week we are playing PNBHS 10 @ 4.15pm. We will be leaving from school at 2.30pm.

Rugby

Rugby is a winter sport.

Heavy rain overnight in Wanganui and a game having been played prior to us taking the field saw us on a churned up field with huge puddles at one end. But this didn't dampen our enthusiasm as we played Wanganui High School Tigers on Saturday.

A chip over the top saw Ihaka Transom-Kerr re-gather and run another 30m to score his second try for the season.

Not having match success of the boot, a change of tactics was required, up stepped Hamuera Kahukaka "who needs 2 points

when you can have 5" who got a try straight after his conversion attempt.

This week we had seven Ruapehu boys who again played well with Quaid Ponga getting three tries and Simon Katene, one.

Many turnovers at the breakdown gave us a lot of possession with many passes connecting with fellow team members giving us a positive result. However along with attack we must defend our line. With slippery conditions this saw us pushed over the line allowing Tigers to score.

MVP

3 points	Hamuera Kahukaka
2 points	Alex Hawira
1 point	Tuhirangi Akapita

Final Score: 39 - 20

Football

TAS visited Saint Peters on Saturday and the absence of a number of players became crucial to the result. A slow start by TAS saw the team 2 down very quickly into the game but just before half time TAS had pulled it back to 3-3 with a hat trick of goals from Jonathan George but a late goal meant TAS went into the break one behind. The lack of size and speed however in the second half meant that St Peters gradually exercised more control over the game and despite some good individual work by players on the TAS side St Peters went on to win convincingly with TAS's Jonathon scoring

only once in in the second half. This was a big wake up call for TAS who have cruised through their games up until now and it will take some real team work to get back on track next week when we face QEC at Rauma Road.

Panui from Learning Street

School Lunches

A reminder about our system for ordering school lunches. Students in Years 0-6 order their lunches from their classroom. The lunch basket is taken to Tanya at the cafe, the lunches are then made and delivered to the children at lunchtime. If your child is ordering lunch (especially for our younger students), please put the money in an envelope or attach to a piece of paper when sending it to school.

Netball in Taihape

Unbelievable, we are nearly half way thru our netball competition. It was fantastic to see the skills and team work on display this weekend. I was particular impressed with our TAS Seniors team. These girls play in the Women's competition and have really grown as a team. I would also like to mention the amazing skill level of some of our younger players. Krisharna Tweeddale, Bailey Rata-Hall and Alazye Logan are amazing to watch on the court and

have skills far above their ages. Netballers to watch in the future.

Learning Celebrations

All Years 1-8 classes are in the middle of the learning celebrations. This is the first round of formal reporting to our whanau. If you are unable to make the set appointment please contact your child's teacher before the interview time. A lot of work goes into ensuring the students are able to clearly report on their learning, and it is also an important opportunity to celebrate their achievements.

KiwiCan

Tena koutou katoa!!

Exercising is important for the body and mind. As part of our HEALTH theme we will be talking about this over the next few weeks :)

Kiwi Can says

"EXERCISE is GREAT especially with a MATE!!"

KOOL KIWI CANNERS

Murray McFarlane - For showing perseverance

Pia Huxtable - For always listening and following instructions

KC see you

Wanda and Moo

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE SNIPPETS - SMOKING

There are lots of good reasons to give up **smoking**:

- it makes you smell, you lose general fitness;
- it can make you really sick later in life;
- and it just got much more expensive!

The public health nurse for your school can provide you with advice and support to quit smoking, as well as Nicotine Replacement Therapy (patches, gum or lozenges).

Nicotine Replacement Therapy will only cost you \$3 per month. Just think of what you can buy with all the money you will save!

If you find it difficult to contact the public health nurse for your school, please ask the office staff, or the school counselor, or a teacher to contact the nurse for you.

Trivia - Shortest Day

What do we mean by the shortest day?

The Shortest Day, Winter Solstice and Midwinter are the colloquial terms used to describe the 24 hours around an annual astronomical event which occurs around the 22nd June.

The shortest day marks the point when the days start to get longer and the nights shorter, and has profound cultural meaning around the world and throughout history.

The cultural significance varies, but generally refers to a time of rebirth and

renewal and is celebrated with festivals and rituals.

The astronomical event of the Solstice occurs when the angle of the Sun to an observer is at its greatest, for an observer in a given hemisphere. For the Northern Hemisphere this will be when the Sun is at its southern most position, and for an observer in the Southern Hemisphere the northern most.

The opposite of the Winter Solstice is the Summer Solstice and occurs around the 22nd December, and marks the point when the days are longest and nights shortest.

Awesome Colgate Carton Race

Dear Householder

This is the Last week for the Colgate Toothpaste Carton Competition. We need your empty **Colgate Toothpaste**

Cartons!!

Please get these to school by closing day, Thursday.

Celebration Assembly

This Wednesday 29th June

(hosted by Maunga)

Start Time 1.30pm

All welcome

Quotes of the week:

"Live truth instead of expressing it" -
Elbert Hubbard.

"We do not see things as they are. We see
them as we are"- Talmud.

Radio News



If you're too busy or at work this Wednesday and can't make it to the Celebration assembly, then listen to some good news! We are hoping to be making our first ever live broadcast of a celebration assembly here on TAS88.1fm, the best little radio station in Taihape. Doing the trials for it this morning, Monday, at school; all worked well at the w/e at home so wish us luck!

Uniform Matters

NAVY JERSEY'S

At our uniform committee meeting it was agreed to reinstate the woollen navy jerseys. These jerseys are to be plain without logo's.or coloured trimmings.

Postie Plus Update

22 June 2011

To the Principal, Board of Trustees, Parents and Caregivers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and patience through what has been a very trying and emotionally charged nine months.

For those of you who don't know already, Postie Plus Group is based in Christchurch. With over 200 employees based there, the devastation caused by the multiple Earthquakes has touched the lives of many of our fellow colleagues who are now dealing with continued disruption to their way of life. Many have lost homes or are still without essential services.

Unfortunately our warehouse is also based in Christchurch and has suffered some major damage due to the roof and one load bearing wall shearing away. We are unable to access the building at present due to major health and safety reasons. Currently structural engineers are working on site to stabilize the building and get us back to normal service as soon as possible.

What does that mean to you? We have had three earthquakes over 6.3 magnitude causing disruption to our deliveries. The current plan is that the building will be accessible from next Thursday the 30th of June, dependant on there being no other major shakes. This has also impacted on our Postie deliveries to store.

Please understand the limitations we have at present and know we are doing everything we can to return to normal as soon as possible.

If you need any urgent attention, please let your sales representative know as we are here to help. Rest assured, this is as frustrating to us as it is to you.

Kind regards

James Prusas

General Manager, Uniform Solutions

(Schooltex/Uniforms Plus/Legendz

Anorak Special



Navy/ Gold

\$80

- Nylon ottoman shell with self coloured anti-pill polar fleece lining
- Classic fit
- Contrast stripe along top collar, contrast inside storm flap and contrast piping down side
- Full front zip with Velcro storm flap
- Two zippered front pocket
- Draw cord on hem
- Adjustable elasticated cuffs
- Hidden tucked away hood
- Sizes XS- 3XL

These anoraks can be order at the office.

Scholastic Bookclub

Issue 4

Closes Wednesday 29th June

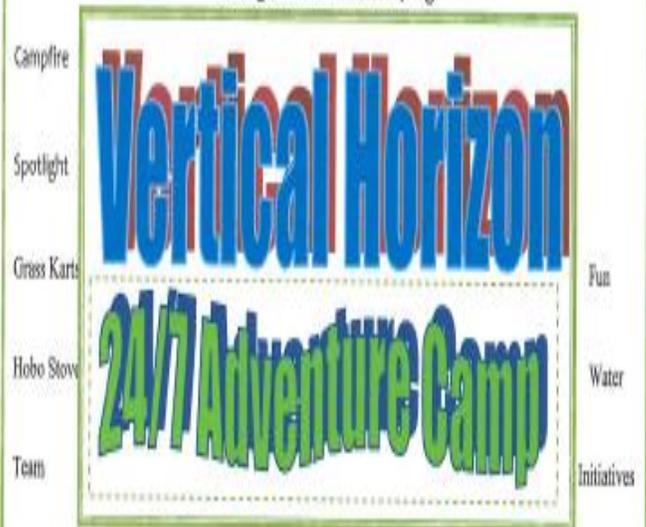
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Taihape Youth Centre

July School Holiday Program!

Monday 25th July; Leave The Hutt at 9.00am

Lets go adventure camping



Raft Building Orienteering NZ Bush Nature Study Arts and Crafts
Some of the activities available

Arrive back at The Hutt 5.00pm Friday 29th July;

Register with Dave at the Hutt, limited numbers.

-Phone: 06 388 1351

-Cell: 0220952962

-Email: tyctrust@gmail.com

Why you need to get school qualifications that take you into tertiary study.

As we approach the middle of the year students in Years 10 -13 in particular need to remain focused on their goals for educational achievement and select appropriate pathways with an eye to the future.

Impact of education on income

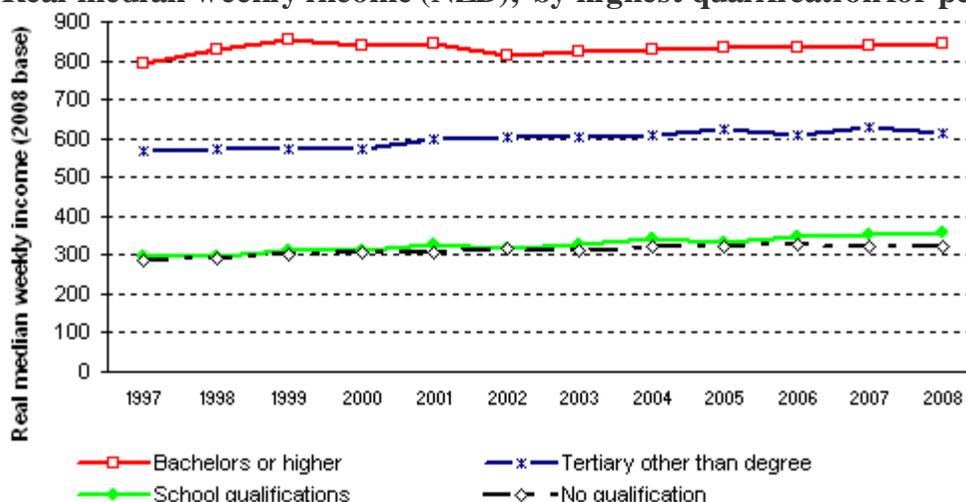
Average earnings are approximately 2.3 times higher for those with a tertiary education compared to those with only upper secondary and post-secondary non-tertiary education. (Tertiary study includes apprenticeships and polytechnic studies)

Why This Is Important

Being successful in the education system enables people to find sustainable employment and determines the level of wages that employers are willing to pay for the skills and knowledge that the individual brings to a job. Those with higher levels of education are more likely to be employed in the labour market, face lower risks of unemployment, have greater access to further training and receive higher earnings on average.

These labour market advantages are an important outcome of education. Earning a higher income enables people to achieve a higher standard of living and many of the other individual and national social and economic outcomes are linked either directly or indirectly to higher incomes.

Real median weekly income (NZD), by highest qualification for people aged 15 plus (2008 base)



Source: Statistics New Zealand, New Zealand Income Survey (1997-2008, June Quarter)